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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

Advisory Action	Application No.	Applicant(s)
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	Examiner	Art Unit
	Albert J. Gagliardi	2878

--The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--

THE REPLY FILED FAILS TO PLACE THIS APPLICATION IN CONDITION FOR ALLOWANCE. Therefore, further action by the applicant is required to avoid abandonment of this application. A proper reply to a final rejection under 37 CFR 1.113 may only be either: (1) a timely filed amendment which places the application in condition for allowance; (2) a timely filed Notice of Appeal (with appeal fee); or (3) a timely filed Request for Continued Examination (RCE) in compliance with 37 CFR 1.114.

PERIOD FOR REPLY [check either a) or b)]

- a) The period for reply expires 3 months from the mailing date of the final rejection.
 - b) The period for reply expires on: (1) the mailing date of this Advisory Action, or (2) the date set forth in the final rejection, whichever is later. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the mailing date of the final rejection.
- ONLY CHECK THIS BOX WHEN THE FIRST REPLY WAS FILED WITHIN TWO MONTHS OF THE FINAL REJECTION. See MPEP 706.07(f).

Extensions of time may be obtained under 37 CFR 1.136(a). The date on which the petition under 37 CFR 1.136(a) and the appropriate extension fee have been filed is the date for purposes of determining the period of extension and the corresponding amount of the fee. The appropriate extension fee under 37 CFR 1.17(a) is calculated from: (1) the expiration date of the shortened statutory period for reply originally set in the final Office action; or (2) as set forth in (b) above, if checked. Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of the final rejection, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

1. A Notice of Appeal was filed on _____. Appellant's Brief must be filed within the period set forth in 37 CFR 1.192(a), or any extension thereof (37 CFR 1.191(d)), to avoid dismissal of the appeal.
2. The proposed amendment(s) will not be entered because:
 - (a) they raise new issues that would require further consideration and/or search (see NOTE below);
 - (b) they raise the issue of new matter (see Note below);
 - (c) they are not deemed to place the application in better form for appeal by materially reducing or simplifying the issues for appeal; and/or
 - (d) they present additional claims without canceling a corresponding number of finally rejected claims.

NOTE: The limitations relating to a releasing mechanism require further consideration/search.

3. Applicant's reply has overcome the following rejection(s): _____.
4. Newly proposed or amended claim(s) 20,21,24 and 27 would be allowable if submitted in a separate, timely filed amendment canceling the non-allowable claim(s).
 5. The a) affidavit, b) exhibit, or c) request for reconsideration has been considered but does NOT place the application in condition for allowance because: See Continuation Sheet.
6. The affidavit or exhibit will NOT be considered because it is not directed SOLELY to issues which were newly raised by the Examiner in the final rejection.
7. For purposes of Appeal, the proposed amendment(s) a) will not be entered or b) will be entered and an explanation of how the new or amended claims would be rejected is provided below or appended.

The status of the claim(s) is (or will be) as follows:

Claim(s) allowed: _____.

Claim(s) objected to: 20,21,24 and 27.

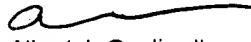
Claim(s) rejected: 1-19,22,23,25,26 and 28-38.

Claim(s) withdrawn from consideration: _____.

8. The drawing correction filed on ____ is a) approved or b) disapproved by the Examiner.

9. Note the attached Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449) Paper No(s). _____.

10. Other: _____.


 Albert J. Gagliardi
 Primary Examiner
 Art Unit: 2878

Continuation of 5. does NOT place the application in condition for allowance because: The arguments are generally unconvincing or spurious and, in some cases, amount to mere allegations of patentability without such allegations being directed to specific limitations and/or claimed limitations. Additionally, applicant's arguments relating to per se obviousness rejections are unclear because the examiner is unaware of any per se rejections. The examiner notes that while the examiner has considered some limitation to be non-critical design choices, some of which may be predicated on legal precedent, applicant has not met his burden of demonstrating any criticality relating to the limitations (see MPEP 2144 and 2144.04). In addition, applicant's request for evidence to support some of those limitations considered as well known is not considered as an adequate traversal of such facts because applicant has not pointed out why the noticed facts are not considered to be common knowledge in the art. As such the limitations are taken to be admitted prior art (see MPEP 2144.03 C). Additionally, the examiner notes that even if the request for evidence relating to power supplies (i.e., batteries) were considered as an adequate traversal, which it is not, the specific evidence of the known use of flexible lithium ion batteries in electronic devices has been previously provided in the Hikmet reference.